GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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EXPLORATION OF GROUNDWATER IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given approval for the exploration of groundwater in hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated and released by the Government for the said purpose; and

(d) the details of the work done in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry Of Water Resources carries out ground water exploration in the country including hilly areas as per the approved Annual Action Plan.

(b) Exploration is carried out to delineate potential aquifer systems and ascertain their yield characteristics. Sites for exploration are finalized in consultation with the concerned State agencies depending upon the accessibility and geology of the area. Successful exploratory wells after collection of necessary scientific data are handed over free of cost to the concerned state agencies for utilization by them.

(c) No separate funds are earmarked for ground water exploration in hilly areas.

(d) The details of ground water exploration carried out during 11th Plan in hilly areas are given in Annexure.